

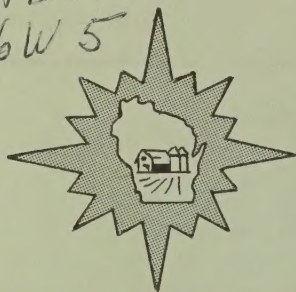
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## Cream of the News

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in September showed their largest gain in 11 months as they increased 43 cents a hundredweight from August.

The number of cattle and calves on feed in the 23 major feeding states on October 1 was down 24 percent from a year ago and the lowest for that date since 1967.

Wholesale prices of Swiss and cheddar cheese at Wisconsin assembly points increased significantly from August to September.

Milk production in Wisconsin during September was up 4 percent from last year despite poor fall pasture conditions and a lower rate of grain fed to milk cows.

Record high cash receipts from farm marketings contributed to increased income for Wisconsin farmers in 1973.

Cold storage stocks of meat and dairy products in the Nation at the end of September were well above a year ago.

Higher milk prices in September resulted in an increase in the prices received index for Wisconsin farm products although livestock prices were down.

Harvesting of corn for grain in Wisconsin proceeded slowly during October because of high moisture content in corn.

Weekly estimates indicated that production of American cheese and butter in the Nation during September continued above a year earlier.

Red meat production in the Nation's slaughtering plants during August was up 7 percent from the previous year.

Steer prices at the St. Paul and Kansas City markets declined from August to September as did prices of barrows and gilts at St. Paul.

Frocker has become the leading oat variety in Wisconsin according to a recent survey.

## SEPTEMBER MILK PRODUCTION 4 PERCENT ABOVE YEAR AGO

Milk production in Wisconsin during September totaled 1,395 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from a year ago despite poor fall pasture conditions and a lower rate of grain fed to milk cows. Seasonally, Wisconsin's milk production for September was down 7 percent from August compared with a drop of 8 percent a year earlier. Output per cow in September averaged 780 pounds, up 35 pounds from September 1973. In the first nine months of this year, milk production in Wisconsin was down 1 percent from that period in 1973.

Dry and cold weather reduced fall pasture conditions to 61 percent of normal on October 1 compared with 81 percent on that date last year. Wisconsin farmers reported feeding an average of 9.9 pounds of grain and other concentrates per milk cow on October 1, down 1 pound from a year earlier. Farmers were chopping hay and silage to feed milk cows in addition to feeding stored hay to maintain milk production.

Milk Production

Selected States	September 1973	September 1974	Jan.-Sept. 1974	Change from last year	
				Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin . . . .	1,343	1,395	14,162	+ 4	- 1
Minnesota . . . .	607	628	7,368	+ 3	n. c.
Iowa . . . . .	306	285	2,843	- 7	- 11
New York . . . .	720	756	7,520	+ 5	n. c.
Pennsylvania . . .	531	556	5,156	+ 5	+ 1
California . . . .	858	901	8,060	+ 5	+ 3
Other states . . .	4,523	4,605	42,983	+ 2	- 2
United States . .	8,888	9,126	88,092	+ 3	- 1

## MILK PRICES RECOVER

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in September showed the largest gain in 11 months. The September price for all milk of average test was expected to average \$7.21 a hundredweight, up 43 cents from August but 27 cents under September 1973.

The August milk price averaged \$6.78 a hundredweight, up 1 cent from July and 4 cents above the previous year.

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Milkfat content for August averaged 3.62 percent compared with 3.59 percent in August 1973.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$6.95 a hundredweight in August, down 10 cents from July but 9 cents higher than a year earlier. Manufacturing grade milk, at \$6.55 a hundredweight for August, was up 15 cents from the previous month but 3 cents under August last year. The spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 40 cents for August compared with 28 cents a year ago.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	July 1974		August price per cwt.			Sept. 1974 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1973	1974	74/73 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin . . . . .	3.59	6.77	6.74	6.78	+ 1	7.21
Minnesota . . . . .	3.52	6.47	6.59	6.54	- 1	6.76
Iowa . . . . .	3.49	6.59	6.63	6.68	+ 1	6.76
New York . . . . .	3.53	7.70	7.80	8.00	+ 3	8.35
California . . . . .	3.43	7.95	6.28	8.00	+ 27	8.35
United States . . . . .	3.52	7.57	7.19	7.65	+ 6	7.91
Wis. utilization						
Market milk . . . . .	3.58	7.05	6.86	6.95	+ 1	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.61	6.40	6.58	6.55	n. c.	xxx
Creameries . . . . .	3.60	6.49	6.63	6.60	n. c.	xxx
Cheese factories . . . . .	3.61	6.39	6.57	6.55	n. c.	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.59	6.40	6.59	6.55	- 1	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	August 1973	July 1974	August 1974 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses . . . . .	6.57	6.60	6.56	n. c.
Market milk . . . . .	6.71	6.89	6.74	n. c.
Manufacturing milk . . . . .	6.38	6.21	6.30	- 1
Creameries . . . . .	6.48	6.31	6.38	- 2
American cheese plants . . . . .	6.34	6.17	6.27	- 1
Varied products plants . . . . .	6.41	6.24	6.33	- 1
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone . . . . .	6.78	7.06	6.97	+ 3

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

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## WHOLESALE CHEESE PRICES STRONGER

Wholesale prices of Swiss and cheddar cheese at Wisconsin assembly points showed considerable strength from August to September. Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged 76½ cents a pound for September, an increase of 4 cents from the previous month but 4¼ cents under a year ago.

Wholesale prices of Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged over \$1.00 a pound in September. Swiss cheese prices increased more than 5 cents a pound from August to September and were 13 cents higher than last year.

The 92-score butter price at the New York market averaged 69.38 cents a pound during September, a gain of 50 cents from a month earlier.

Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	September 1973	August 1974	September 1974 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . . .	2/	68.88¢	69.38¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 3/ . . .	80.75¢	72.49¢	76.50¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 3/ . . . . .	87.75¢	95.55¢	100.75¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range . . . . .	\$9.80-10.53	\$11.70-12.52	\$ ———
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound . . . . .	50.07¢	57.05¢	56.93¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Not available. 3/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

## CHEESE AND BUTTER PRODUCTION CONTINUES HIGHER

Production of American cheese and butter in the Nation during September continued above a year ago according to weekly estimates for that month. Output of butter in the Nation for September could be 27 percent more than a year earlier. August butter production was up 29 percent but for January through August was 2 percent under that period in 1973. Butter production in Wisconsin creameries during September was well above last year. Output from January through August showed an increase of 3 percent from those months in 1973.

Weekly estimates indicate that American cheese production in the Nation during September was 10 percent more than a year ago. Output for January through August was 15

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1974	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1974	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
August . . .	73,316	+ 29	+ 39	143,546	+ 5	+ 4
Jan.-August . . .	658,361	- 2	+ 3	1,343,452	+ 15	+ 8
Weeks ending						
Sept. 5 . . .	15,800	+ 23	+ 17	29,800	+ 9	+ 2
Sept. 12 . . .	15,360	+ 36	+ 51	28,700	+ 11	+ 1
Sept. 19 . . .	15,070	+ 34	+ 56	28,200	+ 9	n. c.
Sept. 26 . . .	15,220	+ 22	+ 49	29,250	+ 10	- 1
Oct. 3 . . .	16,480	+ 22	+ 9	29,400	+ 10	+ 1
Total . . . . .	77,930	+ 27	xxx	145,350	+ 10	xxx



percent above that period last year. Production of American cheese in Wisconsin for September could be slightly higher than the previous year but will not approach the 8 percent increase shown from January through August.

### AUGUST CHEESE AND BUTTER PRODUCTION ABOVE LAST YEAR

Production of butter and cheese in Wisconsin and the Nation during August was above a year ago. The 73 million pounds of butter churned in the Nation's creameries during August was 29 percent greater than the previous year. Dairy plants in Wisconsin produced 39 percent more butter in August than a year earlier. Although Iowa's butter output for August was down 4 percent from last year, Minnesota had a gain of 27 percent and all other states were up 32 percent.

Cheese production in the Nation during August was 7 percent more than the previous year. All varieties had production gains with Brick and Muenster up 21 percent, Swiss 20 percent, Italian 7 percent, American 5 percent, and all other cheese 2 percent.

Wisconsin dairy plants manufactured 59 million pounds of American cheese in August, an increase of 4 percent from August 1973. Output of American cheese in Minnesota for August was down 6 percent from a year ago and Missouri was down 27 percent. All other states made 15 percent more American cheese in August than the previous year.

#### Current Dairy Products Estimates

Item and area	August 1973	August 1974	Jan.- August 1974	Change from last year	
				August	Jan.-Aug.
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin . . . . .	9,561	13,300	134,870	+ 39	+ 3
Minnesota . . . . .	13,713	17,385	163,405	+ 27	n. c.
Iowa . . . . .	3,657	3,500	29,360	- 4	- 38
Other states . . . . .	29,691	39,131	330,726	+ 32	- 1
United States . . . . .	56,622	73,316	658,361	+ 29	- 2
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin . . . . .	57,113	59,300	553,720	+ 4	+ 8
Minnesota . . . . .	19,243	18,000	185,530	- 6	+ 16
Missouri . . . . .	6,725	4,900	59,545	- 27	+ 16
Other states . . . . .	53,192	61,346	544,657	+ 15	+ 22
United States . . . . .	136,273	143,546	1,343,452	+ 5	+ 15
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss . . . . .	13,306	15,944	125,119	+ 20	+ 4
Brick and Muenster . .	5,106	6,164	47,758	+ 21	+ 1
Italian . . . . .	44,830	48,084	397,075	+ 7	+ 5
All other . . . . .	16,386	16,756	132,891	+ 2	n. c.
Total . . . . .	79,628	86,948	702,843	+ 9	+ 3
ALL CHEESE					
United States . . . . .	215,901	230,494	2,046,295	+ 7	+ 10
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/ . . . . .	63,451	57,853	467,716	- 9	- 13
Creamed 2/ . . . . .	79,225	73,775	591,719	- 7	- 13
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin . . . . .	1,636	1,750	11,875	+ 7	+ 7
Illinois . . . . .	4,516	4,720	31,980	+ 5	+ 1
Iowa . . . . .	790	830	5,920	+ 5	+ 4
Michigan . . . . .	3,451	3,575	25,530	+ 4	+ 6
Minnesota . . . . .	3,060	2,210	18,465	- 28	- 14
Other states . . . . .	63,846	63,682	448,346	n. c.	n. c.
United States . . . . .	77,299	76,767	542,116	- 1	n. c.

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

### PRICES RECEIVED INDEX HIGHER FOR MID-SEPTEMBER

The index of prices received for Wisconsin farm products for the period ending in mid-September was up 12 points (3 percent) from a month earlier. Higher milk prices offset lower prices for livestock. At 470 percent of the 1910-14 base, the prices received index was down 11 percent from September 1973.

Milk cows for herd replacement averaged \$530.00 each as of September 15, a decline of \$25.00 from the previous month and \$120.00 below the peak reached in April of this year. Prices for veal calves continued to decline for the eighth consecutive month. Calves averaged \$36.00 a hundredweight in mid-September, down \$2.60 from August and considerably below the September 1973 price of \$68.00 a hundredweight.

Steers and heifers averaged \$31.50 a hundredweight in September a decline of \$1.30 from August and \$14.50 under last year. Slaughter cows, at \$22.20 a hundredweight for September, were \$2.30 less than a month earlier and \$12.80 below September 1973.

#### Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Sept. 15, 1972	Sept. 15, 1973	August 15, 1974	Sept. 15, 1974
Dollars					
Milk cows	Head	475.00	625.00	555.00	530.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt.	32.20	46.00	32.80	31.50
Cows	Cwt.	26.00	35.00	24.50	22.20
Calves	Cwt.	49.50	68.00	38.00	36.00
Hogs	Cwt.	27.80	43.10	35.10	33.10
Sheep	Cwt.	6.50	11.00	7.40	6.50
Lambs	Cwt.	28.10	31.50	38.50	33.40
Chickens 1/	Lb.	.085	.220	.105	.105
Turkeys	Lb.	.220	.370	.270	.280
Eggs	Doz.	.290	.650	.350	.408
Corn	Bu.	1.18	2.12	3.40	3.43
Wheat	Bu.	1.64	4.30	3.91	3.89
Oats	Bu.	.72	1.05	1.47	1.49
Soybeans	Bu.	3.20	5.75	7.10	7.05
Alfalfa hay, baled	Ton	26.00	27.50	30.00	30.00

1/Excludes broilers.

Hog prices dropped \$2.00 from August to September. At \$33.10 a hundredweight for mid-September, hogs were \$10.00 lower than a year ago. Sheep averaged \$6.50 a hundredweight in September, down 90 cents from the previous month and \$4.50 under last year. Lambs continued a downward trend that began in July. At \$33.40 a hundredweight for mid-September, lambs were \$5.10 below August and nearly \$10.00 under three months ago.

Poultry prices showed some strength from August to September. Eggs averaged almost 41 cents a dozen in September, up about 6 cents from the previous month but 24 cents under September 1973. Turkeys, at 28 cents a pound liveweight on September 15, were 1 cent higher than August but 9 cents below a year ago.

Crop prices had mixed trends from August to September. Corn continued upward to reach a record high of \$3.43 a bushel, a gain of 3 cents from August and \$1.31 above a year earlier. Oats increased 2 cents a bushel and at \$1.49 a bushel in mid-September was 44 cents more than last year. Soybeans dropped a nickel from August to September but at \$7.05 a bushel were \$1.30 higher than in September 1973.



Wheat averaged \$3.89 a bushel for September, down 2 cents from a month earlier and 41 cents below a year ago. The baled alfalfa hay price of \$30.00 a ton for mid-September was unchanged from August but \$2.50 above the previous year.

### RED MEAT OUTPUT UP 7 PERCENT

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during August was up 7 percent from the previous month and was also 7 percent above last year. Output of both beef and pork in August was higher than a year ago.

Beef production for August showed a gain of 8 percent from August 1973. Although average liveweight of cattle slaughtered in August was 6 pounds less than a year earlier, the 115,000 cattle killed were 9,000 above August last year.

Pork production in August was 5 percent greater than a year ago. There were 271,000 hogs butchered in August, an increase of 10,000 from August 1973. Hogs averaged 245 pounds liveweight for August, 3 pounds heavier than the previous year.

The calf slaughter of 23,400 in August was 10,500 more than a year earlier. Average liveweight of calves, at 151 pounds, was 44 pounds lighter than in August 1973. A total of 500 sheep and lambs were killed in August compared with 700 a year ago.

#### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	August		Change from last year	August	
	1973	1974		1973	1974
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin	106.0	115.0	+ 8	117.4	126.7
United States 1/	2,696.6	3,167.6	+ 17	2,771.8	3,256.1
Calves					
Wisconsin	12.9	23.4	+ 81	2.5	3.5
United States 1/	158.1	260.2	+ 65	44.5	70.5
Hogs					
Wisconsin	261.0	271.0	+ 4	63.2	66.4
United States 1/	5,890.1	6,746.6	+ 15	1,411.8	1,637.6
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin	.7	.5	- 29	.067	.048
United States 1/	887.4	806.8	- 9	91.4	81.6

1/Excludes Alaska.

### DANE COUNTY LEADS IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS

Dane was the leading Wisconsin county in cash receipts from farm marketings during 1973. It was the first county to exceed \$100 million in cash receipts from farm marketings for a single year. The table shows total cash receipts and ranking by counties for 1973. A bulletin, "Wisconsin Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings 1965-73," will be published in December showing more detailed county data on individual agricultural commodities. A copy can be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin Statistical Reporting Service, Box 5160, Madison, Wisconsin 53705, and asking to be placed on the mailing list. This is the first publication of cash receipts on a county basis since 1967 when data for the U. S. agricultural census years of 1959 and 1964 were published. Cash receipts by counties will be published annually from now on.

#### Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings By County, Wisconsin, 1973

County	Livestock	Crops	All commodities	
			Amount	Rank
	(Thousand Dollars)			
Barron . . . . .	50,652	5,030	55,682	10
Bayfield . . . . .	4,682	1,032	5,714	63
Burnett . . . . .	5,727	930	6,657	61
Chippewa . . . . .	41,531	4,536	46,067	20
Douglas . . . . .	3,153	918	4,071	66
Polk . . . . .	32,142	3,718	35,860	30
Rusk . . . . .	15,580	1,237	16,817	51
Sawyer . . . . .	3,675	808	4,483	65
Washburn . . . . .	4,974	1,380	6,354	62
Northwest District . . .	162,116	19,589	181,705	—
Ashland . . . . .	2,872	435	3,307	67
Clark . . . . .	55,673	2,806	58,479	9
Iron . . . . .	737	377	1,114	71
Lincoln . . . . .	9,329	1,635	10,964	57
Marathon . . . . .	71,000	7,127	78,127	4
Oneida . . . . .	670	3,903	4,573	64
Price . . . . .	8,044	1,965	10,009	59
Taylor . . . . .	24,772	1,848	26,620	39
Vilas . . . . .	182	1,159	1,341	69
North Central District .	173,279	21,255	194,534	—
Florence . . . . .	903	327	1,230	70
Forest . . . . .	1,392	254	1,646	68
Langlade . . . . .	10,218	11,742	21,960	46
Marinette . . . . .	11,480	1,811	13,291	54
Oconto . . . . .	23,471	3,535	27,006	38
Shawano 1/ . . . . .	38,445	3,059	41,504	23
Northeast District . . .	85,909	20,728	106,637	—
Buffalo . . . . .	31,673	4,294	35,967	29
Dunn . . . . .	38,427	6,942	45,369	21
Eau Claire . . . . .	21,596	3,150	24,746	44
Jackson . . . . .	18,811	6,914	25,725	40
La Crosse . . . . .	20,832	4,251	25,083	43
Monroe . . . . .	31,488	6,915	38,403	26
Pepin . . . . .	9,925	2,399	12,324	56
Pierce . . . . .	28,599	5,210	33,809	31
St. Croix . . . . .	37,061	6,199	43,260	22
Trémpaleau . . . . .	44,001	6,061	50,062	14
West Central District . .	282,413	52,335	334,748	—
Adams . . . . .	4,540	5,640	10,180	58
Green Lake . . . . .	17,412	4,024	21,436	47
Juneau . . . . .	12,512	2,499	15,011	53
Marquette . . . . .	8,325	4,306	12,631	55
Portage . . . . .	15,062	31,143	46,205	19
Waupaca . . . . .	28,966	4,205	33,171	32
Waushara . . . . .	12,334	12,249	24,583	45
Wood . . . . .	20,588	4,947	25,535	41
Central District . . . . .	119,739	69,013	188,752	—
Brown . . . . .	35,484	3,011	38,495	25
Calumet . . . . .	29,199	2,948	32,147	33
Door . . . . .	13,996	4,328	18,324	50
Fond du Lac . . . . .	51,462	8,963	60,425	7
Kewaunee . . . . .	26,367	2,582	28,949	37
Manitowoc . . . . .	41,497	5,029	46,526	17
Outagamie . . . . .	43,984	6,143	50,127	13
Sheboygan . . . . .	32,817	5,068	37,885	27
Winnebago . . . . .	24,693	4,564	29,257	36
East Central District . .	299,499	42,636	342,135	—
Crawford . . . . .	20,985	4,194	25,179	42
Grant . . . . .	81,217	8,245	89,462	2
Iowa . . . . .	44,701	4,505	49,206	16
Lafayette . . . . .	57,194	5,106	62,300	6
Richland . . . . .	27,095	3,031	30,126	35
Sauk . . . . .	44,660	7,243	51,903	12
Vernon . . . . .	39,866	6,615	46,481	18
Southwest District . . .	315,718	38,939	354,657	—
Columbia . . . . .	39,323	14,254	53,577	11
Dane . . . . .	86,583	19,740	106,323	1
Dodge . . . . .	71,858	13,110	84,968	3
Green . . . . .	57,970	6,129	64,099	5
Jefferson . . . . .	36,207	13,341	49,548	15
Rock . . . . .	41,456	18,664	60,120	8
South Central District .	333,397	85,238	418,635	—
Kenosha . . . . .	11,749	6,880	18,629	49
Milwaukee . . . . .	848	6,227	7,075	60
Ozaukee . . . . .	10,973	4,628	15,601	52
Racine . . . . .	25,224	12,134	37,358	28
Walworth . . . . .	27,933	12,766	40,699	24
Washington . . . . .	25,137	6,192	31,329	34
Waukesha . . . . .	14,238	5,866	20,104	48
Southeast District . . .	116,102	54,693	170,795	—
STATE . . . . .	1,888,172	404,426	2,292,598	—

1/Includes Menominee.



## FARM INCOME HIGHER IN 1973

Record high cash receipts from farm marketings contributed to increased income for Wisconsin farmers in 1973. Cash receipts from farm marketings during 1973 totaled nearly \$2.3 billion, a gain of 24 percent from a year earlier. Many crop, livestock, and poultry commodities attained record high prices in 1973. However, prices received showed considerable instability during the year and were partially offset by sharply rising farm production expenses which went up 18 percent. Government payments to Wisconsin

farmers amounted to \$40 million in 1973, a decline of 30 percent from 1972 but total net farm income climbed 44 percent.

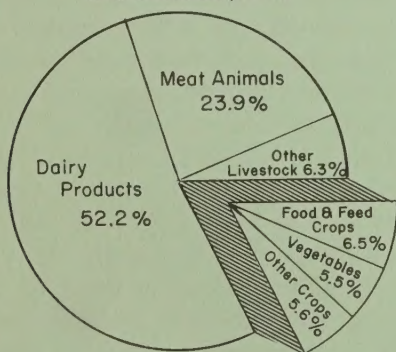
Livestock and livestock products accounted for 82.4 percent of all cash receipts from farm marketings in 1973, while crops provided the remaining 17.6 percent. The leading cash commodity was milk which contributed 52 cents out of every dollar received by Wisconsin farmers in 1973. Sales of cattle and calves added 15 cents to the cash receipts dollar, hogs brought in 9 cents, and poultry and eggs supplied 5 cents. Income from sale of crops by Wisconsin farmers in 1973 was up 39 percent from the previous year.

Wisconsin Realized Gross Income and Net Income from Farming, 1954-73 1/

Year	Realized gross farm income					Farm production expenses	Realized net farm income 3/	Net change in farm inventories	Total net farm income 3/
	Cash receipts from farm marketings	Government payments	Non-money income 2/	Other farm income 2/	Total				
	Million Dollars								
1954 . . . . .	994.7	5.6	114.5	3.5	1,118.2	751.4	366.8	20.4	387.2
1955 . . . . .	980.2	3.5	111.4	4.1	1,099.1	770.4	328.7	-10.1	318.6
1956 . . . . .	1,019.1	8.0	115.5	4.4	1,147.0	792.1	354.9	25.6	380.5
1957 . . . . .	1,069.4	14.7	120.6	5.0	1,209.6	827.0	382.6	5.3	387.9
1958 . . . . .	1,125.2	19.7	122.3	6.1	1,273.3	846.9	426.4	-23.0	403.4
1959 . . . . .	1,087.9	14.8	136.1	5.8	1,244.7	890.8	353.8	61.3	415.1
1960 . . . . .	1,111.0	16.9	131.5	6.0	1,265.4	877.8	387.6	-24.0	363.7
1961 . . . . .	1,128.6	40.0	130.5	5.9	1,304.9	909.3	395.7	14.0	409.6
1962 . . . . .	1,140.3	42.5	123.4	6.1	1,312.3	927.9	384.4	16.5	401.0
1963 . . . . .	1,134.5	45.9	116.8	6.6	1,303.7	948.8	354.9	-23.6	331.3
1964 . . . . .	1,190.9	47.8	115.8	7.8	1,362.3	967.8	394.6	-27.8	366.7
1965 . . . . .	1,257.9	51.6	115.6	8.8	1,433.8	992.9	440.9	- 2.7	438.2
1966 . . . . .	1,419.4	53.7	120.0	9.2	1,602.3	1,066.8	535.6	16.4	552.0
1967 . . . . .	1,393.9	41.2	125.0	10.3	1,570.4	1,142.1	428.3	3.2	431.5
1968 . . . . .	1,458.0	51.7	126.2	10.8	1,646.7	1,180.5	466.2	25.9	492.1
1969 . . . . .	1,529.8	56.3	138.4	11.2	1,735.9	1,255.7	480.1	- 4.3	475.8
1970 . . . . .	1,598.9	51.7	145.1	11.0	1,806.6	1,336.1	470.5	8.2	478.6
1971 . . . . .	1,659.5	36.9	158.8	12.9	1,868.1	1,416.7	451.3	81.1	532.4
1972 . . . . .	1,856.1	57.1	168.9	13.4	2,095.6	1,500.4	595.1	-50.8	544.3
1973 . . . . .	2,292.6	39.8	190.7	16.2	2,539.3	1,763.1	776.2	7.9	784.0

1/Details may not add to totals because of rounding. 2/Formerly classified as value of home consumption and gross rental value of farm dwellings. 3/Of farm operators.

PERCENT OF CASH RECEIPTS  
WISCONSIN, 1973



## CHEESE AND BUTTER STOCKS HIGHER

Cold storage stocks of butter and cheese in the Nation at the end of September were above a year ago. Butter stocks exceeded 107 million pounds on September 30, up 14 percent from the previous year. However, government stocks of butter totaled only 24 million pounds compared with 61 million pounds on September 30, 1973.

The 540 million pounds of cheese in cold storage at the end of September were 41 percent higher than last year. Although stocks of Swiss cheese were down 13 percent, supplies of American cheese in cold storage were up 50 percent and all other cheese stocks showed a gain of 9 percent.

Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1972	Sept. 30, 1973	Sept. 30, 1974	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
	UNITED STATES			
Butter . . . . .	178,409	94,255	107,569	+ 14
Cheese, American . . . . .	335,777	310,507	465,327	+ 50
Cheese, Swiss . . . . .	9,322	15,351	13,384	— 13
Cheese, all other . . . . .	58,911	56,402	61,448	+ 9
Cheese, total . . . . .	404,010	382,260	540,159	+ 41
	WISCONSIN			
Butter . . . . .	8,457	6,449	6,598	+ 2
Cheese, American . . . . .	207,767	187,716	263,439	+ 40
	GOVERNMENT STOCKS*			
Butter . . . . .	160,363	60,899	23,773	— 61
Cheese, American . . . . .	337	498	1,025	+ 106

\*Included in above totals.

Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products  
United States

Commodity	August 31, 1972	August 31, 1973	August 31, 1974	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Dried whole milk . . . . .	5,951	8,195	12,635	+ 54
Dried skim milk . . . . .	87,801	95,083	188,000	+ 98
Dried buttermilk . . . . .	3,788	4,873	11,628	+ 139
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/ .	140,202	67,142	167,557	+ 150

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.



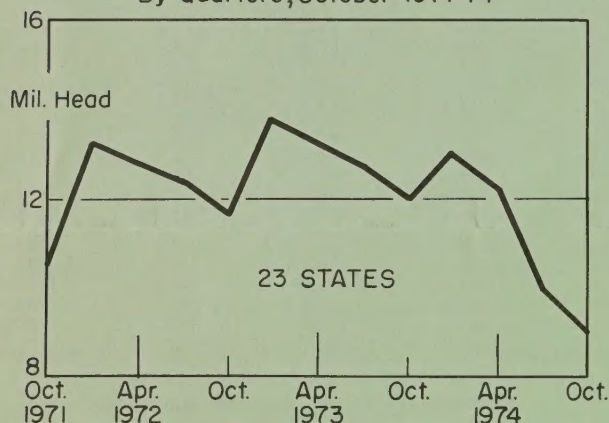
## CATTLE ON FEED WELL BELOW A YEAR AGO

Cattle on feed in the 23 major feeding states totaled only 9,149,000 on October 1, down 24 percent from a year ago and the lowest for that date since 1967. Wisconsin cattle feeders had 98,000 cattle and calves on feed October 1, a decline of 13 percent from a year earlier.

Placements of cattle and calves on feed in the 23 states during the past quarter were 12 percent under July-September 1973. Placements in Wisconsin were up 10 percent from the third quarter of last year.

Marketings of fed cattle in the 23 states during July through September were 7 percent below that quarter a year ago, while marketings for the final quarter of this year are expected to be down 18 percent from October-December 1973. Wisconsin marketed 2 percent fewer cattle in the past quarter than a year earlier and marketings for October through December are expected to be down 16 percent.

**CATTLE ON FEED**  
By Quarters, October 1971-74



**Cattle and Calves on Feed by Quarters**  
October 1, 1973, July 1, and October 1, 1974 1/

State	October 1, 1973	July 1, 1974	October 1, 1974	Change from last year
	1,000 head			Percent
Arizona . . . . .	565	476	348	- 38
California . . . . .	1,230	961	965	- 22
Colorado . . . . .	925	672	690	- 25
Idaho . . . . .	160	185	186	+ 16
Illinois . . . . .	370	410	350	- 5
Indiana . . . . .	196	195	180	- 8
Iowa . . . . .	1,436	1,320	1,030	- 28
Kansas . . . . .	1,190	820	900	- 24
Michigan . . . . .	160	170	155	- 3
Minnesota . . . . .	400	365	320	- 20
Missouri . . . . .	175	170	155	- 11
Montana . . . . .	83	102	65	- 22
Nebraska . . . . .	1,438	1,120	1,040	- 28
New Mexico . . . . .	230	190	170	- 26
North Dakota . . . . .	28	46	35	+ 25
Ohio . . . . .	162	185	148	- 9
Oklahoma . . . . .	312	231	212	- 32
Oregon . . . . .	60	49	55	- 8
Pennsylvania . . . . .	53	57	48	- 9
South Dakota . . . . .	305	310	270	- 11
Texas . . . . .	2,323	1,777	1,599	- 31
Washington . . . . .	140	141	130	- 7
Wisconsin . . . . .	113	95	98	- 13
23 States . . . . .	12,054	10,047	9,149	- 24

1/Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates which are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

## COLD STORAGE MEAT STOCKS UP A THIRD

The Nation's stocks of meat in cold storage at the end of September were about a third higher than a year ago. Although beef stocks declined by 20 million pounds during September, the 356 million pounds in cold storage on September 30 were 46 percent above last year.

Pork stocks in cold storage at the end of September amounted to almost 249 million pounds, down more than 5½ million pounds from a month earlier but 27 percent above the 196 million pounds in storage September 30, 1973.

**Cold Storage Stocks of Meat**  
United States

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1972	Sept. 30, 1973	Aug. 31, 1974	Sept. 30, 1974	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen . . . . .	288,173	234,123	362,559	339,537	+ 45
In cure and cured . . . . .	9,485	10,338	13,713	16,479	+ 59
Total . . . . .	297,658	244,461	376,272	356,016	+ 46
Pork:					
Frozen . . . . .	174,681	181,096	240,578	234,149	+ 29
In cooler . . . . .	17,439	14,908	13,769	14,539	- 2
Total . . . . .	192,120	196,004	254,347	248,688	+ 27
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen . . . . .	10,842	7,805	12,625	11,697	+ 50
Lamb and mutton, frozen . . . . .	19,171	13,083	15,347	14,130	+ 8
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams . . . . .	59,518	50,964	51,051	59,026	+ 16
Other meats . . . . .	14,670	12,712	13,170	12,316	- 3
Total, all meats . . . . .	593,979	525,029	722,812	701,873	+ 34

## OCTOBER CROP REPORT

Harvesting of Wisconsin's corn for grain crop was proceeding slowly in October because of high moisture content. Only 10 percent of the corn for grain was harvested as of October 21 compared with 20 percent last year and normally for that date. Silo filling was about completed on Wisconsin farms by mid-October as field conditions were favorable for chopping corn. Due to the early September frosts, more acreage went into silage than originally planned. Corn acreage for grain in 1974 was estimated at 2.1 million acres as of October 1 out of a record 3.5 million acres planted. Production of corn for grain was expected to total 171 million bushels, down 1 percent from 1973 based on an anticipated yield of 82 bushels per acre. Early corn will yield best as it was mature when the frosts came but late corn has high moisture, lighter weight, a soft cob, and some mold problems.

Harvesting of soybeans was a fourth done by October 21, ahead of last year's 20 percent and the usual progress of 15 percent. The early September frosts caught many soybeans still immature. Some acreage is not being harvested for beans. Yields for soybeans are rather poor except on the early plantings which were ripe when it froze.

Fall plowing was 30 percent finished as of October 21, the same as normal but behind last year's 35 percent. Plowing was going good where moisture was adequate but pulled hard in the dry areas. Soil moisture was reported as 60 percent short and 40 percent adequate. Rain on the weekends of October 5th and 12th was helpful for new seedings and germination of winter wheat. Pasture conditions are well below normal for fall due to the unseasonably cold tempera-



## Crop Summary of Wisconsin for October 1, 1974

Crop	Acreage			Yield per acre			Unit	Production		
	1972	1973	1974 (preliminary)	1972	1973	1974 (preliminary)		1972	1973	1974 (preliminary)
	Thousands							Thousands		
FIELD CROPS										
Corn for grain . . . . .	2,143	2,090	2,090	95.0	83.0	82.0	Bu.	203,585	173,470	171,380
Oats . . . . .	1,350	1,370	1,400	55.0	41.0	62.0	Bu.	74,250	56,170	86,800
Barley . . . . .	22	21	20	45.0	37.0	46.0	Bu.	990	777	920
Rye . . . . .	10	9	9	21.0	19.5	23.0	Bu.	210	176	207
Wheat (all) . . . . .	29	27	79	31.1	33.0	37.1	Bu.	901	890	2,930
Winter . . . . .	20	16	56	32.0	35.0	40.0	Bu.	640	560	2,240
Spring . . . . .	9	11	23	29.0	30.0	30.0	Bu.	261	330	690
Soybeans for beans . . . . .	145	241	225	28.0	25.0	24.0	Bu.	4,060	6,025	5,400
Potatoes (fall) . . . . .	45.5	47.0	50.0	253	245	260	Cwt.	11,530	11,515	13,000
Tobacco (all) . . . . .	10.8	10.2	9.4	1,731	1,859	1,899	Lb.	18,691	18,963	17,850
Type 54 . . . . .	5.0	4.9	4.6	1,685	1,950	1,950	Lb.	8,425	9,555	8,970
Type 55 . . . . .	5.8	5.3	4.8	1,770	1,775	1,900	Lb.	10,266	9,408	8,880
HAY AND FORAGE										
Hay (all) . . . . .	3,920	3,950	3,930	2.60	2.69	2.75	Ton	10,203	10,622	10,803
Alfalfa and mixture . . . . .	2,950	2,970	3,000	2.85	2.90	2.95	Ton	8,408	8,613	8,850
All other . . . . .	970	980	930	1.85	2.05	2.10	Ton	1,795	2,009	1,953
VEGETABLE CROPS										
Carrots 1/ . . . . .	1.7	1.4	2.0	400	370	—	Cwt.	679	518	—
Cabbage 1/ . . . . .	3.8	2.3	2.4	315	280	—	Cwt.	1,204	644	—
Lettuce 1/ . . . . .	.9	1.1	1.0	210	250	—	Cwt.	189	275	—
Mint for oil . . . . .	4.5	5.5	8.5	30	31	41	Cwt.	135	173	350
Onions, commercial . . . . .	1.5	1.4	1.3	250	280	270	Cwt.	375	392	351
For processing:										
Green lima beans . . . . .	6.4	7.4	8.2	.82	.93	1.00	Ton 2/	5.3	6.9	8.2
Peas . . . . .	122.2	123.2	145.7	1.34	.99	1.10	Ton 2/	163.8	122.0	160.3
Snap beans . . . . .	45.5	55.7	69.0	2.67	2.47	2.20	Ton	121.5	137.6	151.8
Sweet corn . . . . .	113.5	132.6	136.4	4.54	3.85	4.10	Ton	515.3	510.5	559.3
Cucumber for pickles . . . . .	9.0	10.4	11.2*	4.77	4.91	—	Ton	43.0	51.1	—
Beets for canning . . . . .	4.5	6.6	7.8	14.00	9.18	10.40	Ton	63.0	60.6	81.1
FRUITS, ETC.										
Apples, commercial . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lb.	65,000	50,000	65,000
Tart cherries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ton	4.6	2.4	3.7
Cranberries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bbl.	805	756	900
Strawberries . . . . .	1.4	1.4	1.3	23	27	29	Cwt.	32	38	38

\*Planted acreage. 1/Summer quarter acreage. 2/Shelled.

tures and dry weather. Rainfall in September was below normal in all areas of the State. Temperatures averaged 5 degrees below normal in September, and October has continued cold.

Harvesting of potatoes was about finished by mid-October with good yields. Some tobacco acreage was lost to the frost of September 21-22. Picking of apples is nearing an end. A record cranberry harvest is going good. Most vegetables have been harvested except for some red beets, carrots, and cabbage.

## Rainfall in Inches, by Districts, Wisconsin

District	Month of September			Since April 1		
	1973	1974	Normal	1973	1974	Normal
N. W. . . . .	3.4	2.4	3.2	22.7	21.9	22.0
N. C. . . . .	3.2	2.5	3.7	24.0	22.0	22.8
N. E. . . . .	3.0	2.2	3.3	23.1	19.9	19.9
W. C. . . . .	3.7	1.7	3.4	26.7	18.9	21.4
C. . . . .	3.1	1.7	3.5	24.9	20.4	21.0
E. C. . . . .	2.9	1.4	3.1	21.6	18.5	18.4
S. W. . . . .	4.3	1.1	3.6	26.3	22.0	22.5
S. C. . . . .	4.6	1.0	3.5	24.6	22.9	20.8
S. E. . . . .	4.8	.8	3.1	22.3	20.3	19.6

## 1974 SMALL GRAIN VARIETIES SURVEY AVAILABLE

A special small grain varieties survey was made in Wisconsin during the 1974 growing season. According to the survey results, Froker has become the leading oat variety in Wisconsin. Nearly 23 percent of the State's crop this year was seeded to Froker which was first released in 1970.

Another new variety, Dal, which was first seeded by farmers in 1973 accounted for 11 percent of the 1974 crop. Lodi, which was the leading variety in a 1969 survey, made up less than 13 percent of this year's oat acreage. Holden, Rodney, and Garry varieties did not show too much change in usage from 1969 to 1974.

Timwin, classed as soft red wheat, was the leading variety seeded by Wisconsin farmers for harvest in 1974. Kenosha was the second ranking wheat variety. Timwin and Kenosha accounted for nearly 47 percent of the total seeded acreage in 1974 compared with only 7 percent for the 1969 survey when both were new varieties.

The leading variety of barley grown in Wisconsin in 1974 was Dickson which made up 29 percent of the seeded acreage while Larker accounted for 22 percent.

A more complete report of the 1974 Small Grain Varieties Survey can be obtained by writing to the Wisconsin Statistical Reporting Service, Box 5160, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705.

## STEER PRICES DOWN IN SEPTEMBER

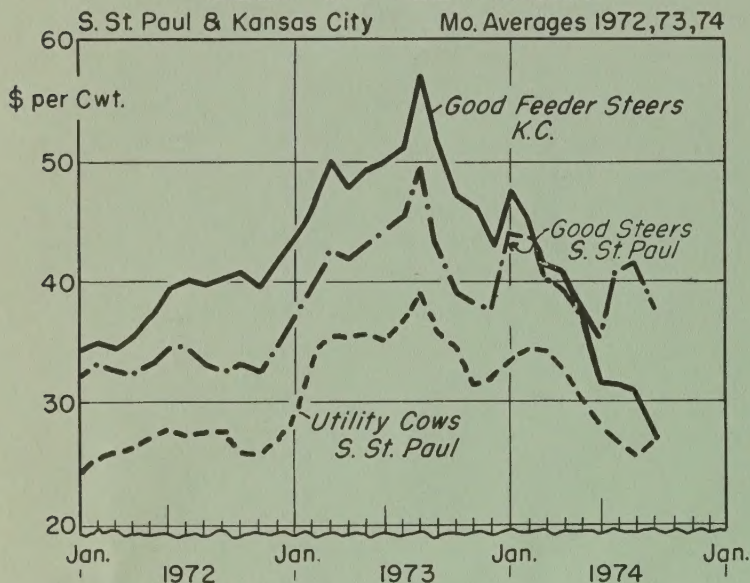
Prices of good grade feeder steers at Kansas City and fed steers at St. Paul declined from August to September. Feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$27.13 a hundredweight at the Kansas City market in September, a decline of \$4.06 from August and well below the price of \$51.69 a hundredweight for September 1973.



Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$37.89 a hundredweight at the St. Paul market during September, down \$3.54 from the previous month and \$5.28 under a year ago.

Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$27.13 a hundredweight for September, up \$1.38 from August but \$8.71 less than last year.

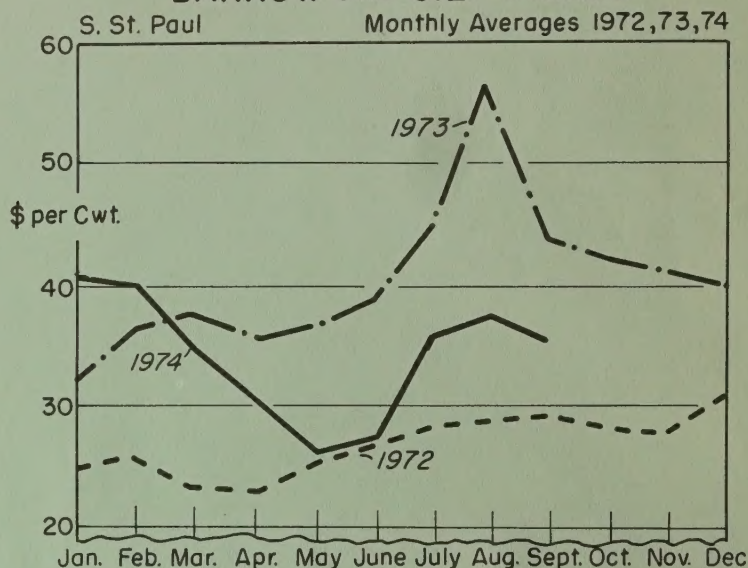
### BEEF CATTLE PRICES



### HOG PRICES LOWER

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged \$35.67 a hundredweight during September, a decline of \$2.07 from a month earlier and \$8.25 below September 1973. Prices showed some recovery toward the end of September after dropping in the first three weeks of the month.

### BARROW and GILT PRICES



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